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## CLAIMS:

1. A method (10) of distributing various quality versions of an electronic content, said method comprising:
  - (S12) defining each quality version of the electronic content;
  - (S14) defining at least one distortion algorithm executable to generate a lower quality version of the electronic content by a distortion of the highest quality version of the electronic content; and
  - (S16) assigning at least one content key to at least one quality version of the electronic content.
2. The method (10) of claim 1, further comprising:
  - (S18) storing the highest quality version of the electronic content on an electronic content medium (20, 30).
3. The method (10) of claim 2, further comprising:
  - (S18) storing at least one distortion algorithm on the electronic content medium (20, 30).
4. The method (10) of claim 1, further comprising:
  - (S18) storing the at least one distortion algorithm on an electronic content player (70).
5. The method (10) of claim 2, further comprising:
  - (S18) storing the at least content key on the electronic content medium (20, 30).
6. The method (10) of claim 1, further comprising:
  - (S18) storing the at least content key on an electronic content player (70).
7. An electronic content medium (20, 30), comprising:
  - a highest quality version (21, 31) of an electronic content; and

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